

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
February 27, 2017
Garvey Senior Activity Center

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Janet Kellam, Chair, Margaret Forrest, Deborah Johnstone, Gail Murdock, Juanita Nether, Nicky Pires and Dale Taylor. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT: Janice Bonham, Penny Brown, and Linda Fry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the January 23, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Nether; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether
Ms. Nether has begun planning an Outreach event to be held in May. A suggestion to conduct another Road Show for the NAACP was proposed.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock
Mr. Murdock is following the Bills that have been introduced.
- Garvey Council – Dale Taylor
The Council agreed to use a portion of the money from their fundraising efforts to support current Garvey activities.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Introduction of member(s) – Janet Kellam
One of the newest commission members was introduced.
- Public promotion of COA update – Margaret Forrest
Ms. Forrest is writing an article publicizing the Commission on Aging. Once complete, she will send draft to the Commission members.
- Revisit to “Challenges” – Janet Kellam
The Commission discussed the list of identified challenges.
- United Seniors of MD January meeting – Janet Kellam
Ms. Kellam, Ms. Fry, Ms. Johnstone and the Senior Center Operations Division Manager attended the USM meeting in Annapolis. Meeting material was distributed and the topics presented at the meeting were discussed.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Planning for 2017 meetings—Janet Kellam
The Commission discussed locations and guest speakers for their monthly meetings for the remainder of the year. Specifically, in March and April the Commission agreed to invite the Division Manager of Home & Community-Based Services (March) and Commissioner President Guy (April). The Commission would like to invite Commissioner Guy to discuss the Annual Report that was submitted in December.

- Planning for Tri-County meeting, June 26, 2017 – Janet Kellam
The Commission discussed the details for the upcoming Tri-County Commission on Aging meeting.
- DAHS “Road Show” Outreach events – Janet Kellam
Ms. Kellam asked for names of organizations that would benefit from the Road Show. Commission members suggested the Leonardtown Lions Club and Rotary Club.
- Information sharing/announcements – All
 - Ms. Kellam contacted the St. Mary’s County Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to discuss the need to install a credit card machine in all of the senior activity centers. The CFO indicated the Finance Department will send out a solicitation during the spring/summer of this year.
 - Mr. Murdock informed the Commission flag boxes will be displayed at all the senior activity centers.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Pires made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. and Ms. Taylor seconded; the motion passed.

Purpose:

To advise and assist in the content, administration, and financing of county programs designed to serve the elderly residents of the county; to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly.